GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF NEW COOKING GAS CONNECTIONS
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased or proposes to increase the price of cooking gas cylinder while giving new connection;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the increase in price will result in benefiting all private companies;and

(d) whether the Government has made assessment of the likely financial impact in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)to(d): Yes,Sir.The Security Deposit on new connections for Domestic LPG has been revised from Rs.850/- per cylinder to Rs.1250/- per cylinder for the consumers of the States other than the North-East States and from Rs.500/- per cylinder to Rs.900/- per cylinder for the consumers of North-East States with effect from 26.5.2008.This was necessitated on account of a steep rise in the cost of raw material,especially the steel prices,used for manufacturing the cooking gas cylinders.Security Deposit is a one time payment made at the time of issue of new gas connections for the empty cylinder and is refundable to the consumers in case of surrender of the gas connection.